

PHILO 101 Introduction to Philosophy:

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Philosophy involves the critical and reflective inquiry about the world and our place in it. This course is designed to introduce students to philosophy by investigating perennial and persistent questions such as “What can I know?” (epistemology), “What is the nature of reality?” (metaphysics), and “How should I act?” (ethics). We will survey some of the most influential answers offered to these questions throughout the history of Western thought. In the process, students will learn to read, write, and think clearly and critically – skills that should prove useful in other disciplines and in ordinary life as well.